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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 December 2005.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) 3 and 6-29 is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 07 July 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/08/05; 08/20/04.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. **Claims 6-29** are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim *should refer to other claims in the alternative only--, and/or, --cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim--*. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 6-29 have not been further treated on the merits.
2. **Claim 3** is objected to because of the following informalities: Applicant has accidentally typed "0,5" instead of "0.5". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 6,821,274 to McHale et al. in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,599,288 to Maguire et al.**

5. Regarding **Claim 1**, McHale teaches a device for mini-invasive ultrasound treatment of an object, wherein at least one therapeutic ultrasound transducer (Fig. 4 element 5) is arranged for treatment of the object (Fig. 4 element target tissue) by generating an ultrasonic field (Fig. 4 and Abstract), the temperature focus of which is located in the object (5) for heating thereof (Abstract and Fig. 4); wherein the therapeutic ultrasound transducer comprises a probe characterized in that said

transmitter element (Fig. 4 element 5) is arranged in a rear portion (Fig. 4) and is configured to be thermally insulating (Fig. 4 element 4), whereby the transmitter element does not heat or substantially not heat the front portion during operation. (Abstract and Fig. 4 element 4)

McHale does not expressly teach the use of a ultrasonic probe for minimally invasive procedures, for ablating tissues inside the body.

Maguire disclose the use of a ultrasonic probe for treatment of tissues inside the body. (Abstract)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify McHale with a setup such that the ultrasonic probe is used for minimally invasive procedures for ablating tissues inside the body as taught by Maguire since such a setup would result in the device being capable of minimally invasive procedures and increase the range of use for the device.

6. Regarding **Claims 2 and 5**, McHale teaches the use of a focusing device for focusing the ultrasound generated by the transmitter element. (Col. 1 lines 43-46)

7. Regarding **Claims 3 and 4**, McHale teaches focusing ultrasound waves in the tissue and hence it would be inherent that the focus range falls withing 0.5 - 20 centimeters. (Fig. 4)

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanjay Cattungal whose telephone number is (571)272-1306. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 - 5:00 pm.

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9. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eleni Mantis-Mercader can be reached on (571)272-4740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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